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In re Application of	:	
Vincenzo Tomarchio, et. al.	:	
Application No. 09/887,887	:	ON PETITION
Filed: June 22, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. CM2385	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 8, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The application became abandoned for failure to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on November 17, 2006.

It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

Also, there is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts.

Further, 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b), in that, petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$1,500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

If petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. Nevertheless, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record until otherwise instructed.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 1771, for review of the amendment filed with the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.



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